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In response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

~~Claims 1-5.~~ Please cancel these claims without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 6-10 are pending.

Claims 1-5 have been canceled, thereby rendering moot the rejection of claims 1, 2 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Babacz.

Claims 6, 7 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Gabric et al. in view JP 04-346429. This rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested for the reasons that follow.